

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 3525. An Act to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7691. An Act making emergency supplemental appropriations for assistance for the situation in Ukraine for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2490. An Act to establish the Blackwell School National Historic Site in Marfa, Texas, and for other purposes.

TAKE A STAND AGAINST HATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. TLAIB). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, and still I rise. I rise today to express my sympathies and my condolences to the families of the many who have suffered from hate—more specifically, the families who have lost loved ones to hate.

The latest example that is being discussed quite widely now is what happened in Buffalo: 13 people wounded, the majority of them, the overwhelming majority, African Americans. Some were White.

But I express my sympathies and condolences to all persons who have family members who have suffered from hate violence. I do so because I understand that sympathies and condolences are important. People need to know that you care. But I also know, Madam Speaker, that sympathies and condolences are not enough.

It is not enough now to express our sorrow. It is important to express our sorrows, but it is not enough. Too many have died, and the truth is, this impacts all segments of society.

The African-American community had 9 people murdered on June 18, 2015, at the Charleston, South Carolina, church shooting.

The Asian community, 8 people murdered on March 16, 2021, at the Atlanta spa shooting.

The Jewish community, 11 people murdered on October 27, 2018, at the Pittsburgh Tree of Life synagogue shooting.

The Latino community, 22 people murdered on August 1, 2019, at the El Paso Walmart shooting.

The Muslim community, two people murdered on August 13, 2016, at the New York City mosque shooting.

The LGBTQ community, 49 people murdered on June 12, 2020, at the Pulse nightclub shooting.

This impacts all of our communities. All are at risk. The truth is, this continues because too many people in this country tolerate hate. Those who tolerate hate perpetuate hate.

Too many people tolerate hate. It is time for all to speak up.

If we are going to do something about this, we have to acknowledge something. The person who did this in the State of New York, Buffalo, this person has to be prosecuted to the fullest extent that the law allows, the fullest extent.

But we also have to understand something else as it relates to this person and the many others who have engaged in this kind of horrific activity, self-proclaimed white supremacists, persons who travel some great distance so they can find persons of African ancestry that are suitable for assassination. It happened in Texas at the Walmart. It happened in New York now at Buffalo, a person travels some 200 miles.

Saying that we care is important, but dealing with this hate is more important. We have to realize that for all of these people who performed these dastardly deeds that must be punished, we must realize that they were not born with this hate in their hearts. This is not expressing sympathy for them. This is understanding how it is we find ourselves having to mourn all of these persons who have been murdered, massacred, assassinated.

If we understand that they weren't born this way, then we have to ask ourselves: How did they become the dastards who would commit such heinous crimes?

I have in my hand something that is fairly succinct, something from a movie. I have the lyrics to the song, "You've Got to Be Taught."

You've got to be taught to hate and fear

You've got to be taught from year to year

It's got to be drummed into your dear little ear.

You've got to be carefully taught.

You've got to be taught to be afraid . . .

of people whose skin is

a different shade

You've got to be carefully taught.

You've got to be taught

before it's too late

before you are six or

seven or eight

To hate all the people

your relatives hate

You've got to be carefully taught.

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Each of these persons were taught—some at home from families who stated things in their presence that encouraged them to do these things.

Today, we have the problems of the internet and social media. Today, we have the ability for young people, with and without their parents' knowledge, to receive information, disinformation, fabrications, insidious prevarications, to receive this kind of horrible information online, with and without their parents knowing.

It appears that there is a theory now, the great replacement theory, the fear that immigrants are going to replace White Europeans. It appears this young man, this dastard in New York, the State of New York, city of Buffalo, that this person decided that this theory was enough to motivate him to commit these crimes.

We have to fight evil speech with our just speech. The speech that can counteract the evil messages that are being pervaded. We have to fight it with our speech. Everybody has a duty to stand up and speak out.

Those who tolerate bigotry, Islamophobia, xenophobia, sexism, racism, anti-Semitism, all of the various invidious phobias, those who tolerate these phobias, who tolerate people deciding that they will simply murder and massacre people, those who tolerate, perpetuate. And to a certain extent you become complicit.

As Dr. King put it, after some point of time, those who tolerate hate—these are not his exact words—it becomes betrayal. We have a duty to stand up and speak out. All people of good will.

Madam Speaker, I ask today: Where is the business community? These things are happening in places of business.

Where is the Chamber of Commerce? Where are the various Chambers of Commerce across this Nation? Why have they not spoken out?

These things are occurring in business places. At some point, people will limit their engagement in business places, if we don't stand up and speak out.

If people understand that there is a risk of being harmed for going into a food store or a service station, some place of business, people will limit their activities.

Someone might say, well, you can always order your food from a source and have it delivered to you. I contend that if you do this, or if you limit your participation, revenue will decline in places of business. The business community has to be concerned about its revenue.

Look, we should all be concerned about the lives that have been lost, but this can impact the economy. It can impact businesses and the extent that they will be able to maintain the workforce that they have. We have got to care about all of this. What impacts one directly can impact all indirectly. So we have got to concern ourselves with what is happening and how this can impact the economy.

So if we conclude that people are going to limit their access by going into places, choosing not to go, well, if this occurs, as I said, you might want to order your products from these business places. But here is the problem with that. That, too, will cause the revenue flow to be impacted in an adverse way.

Here is why. It is not unusual for someone—and I will use myself as an example—to go into a place of business

looking for one item, not find that one item and still spend \$50. That is because while I am there, I see other things. But if you don't go into that place of business, you don't see these things, and that can limit revenue.

If these mass shootings continue, there are people who won't want to live near certain areas. Property values can be impacted. Schools have already had mass shootings. People choose to send their children to schools where they think their children will be safe. All of these shootings can impact schools, places of worship, and businesses.

So the business community has a duty to speak up. I have sent a letter to the Chamber of Commerce in Houston, Texas. I have sent letters to other chambers of commerce, as well. In Houston, it is called the Greater Houston Partnership. I am beseeching and imploring the Greater Houston Partnership to take a stand publicly.

And, please, don't be afraid to say the word white supremacy. We, for some reason, want to allow this to just become another shooting silo—many people, not all—silo this shooting. Then we will wait until there is another, we will attack it and silo that shooting.

Friends, it is the hate that we have to prosecute. Prosecuting the criminals is always important. They ought to be prosecuted to the fullest extent that the law allows, but we also have to prosecute the hate that produces the behavior that is taking the lives of people across the length and breadth of this country. If we are going to prosecute the hate, we have got to have the will to say white supremacy.

We have to have the guts to say what it is. Our failure to say what it is leaves things too nebulous. We don't want there to be any confusion about what is happening.

I am on the Committee on Homeland Security. We have had many hearings where experts have made it clear to us that white supremacy is a threat. Quite frankly, in my opinion, it is a form of domestic terrorism. And you have got to have the courage to say it. You have to say it.

Madam Speaker, I am imploring the business community to take a stand, hold a press event and denounce white supremacy and all of the evil associated with it. The business community has to take a stand.

Equally as important is this: Where is the clergy? Where is the clergy?

Where are, more specifically, the White evangelicals? Why is your voice muted? Why aren't you out front with other members of the clergy denouncing this openly, out in the public?

There ought to be an assemblage of clergy; Black, White, Brown—whatever colors—denouncing this. We are at a seminal moment in time that can impact the rest of our time, and it is time for us to take a stand against hate.

So I ask the clergy, I ask you, please, do your part; be out with the clergy and business community. It is impor-

tant for this type of unity to take place. The words we say can make a difference.

Emily Dickinson said, "A word is dead when it is said, some say. I say it just begins to live that day." And I agree with this. Words can make a difference.

There are many other things that we can do. We can pass laws here, and we have. But we need the cooperation of the business community, the clergy, and all other businesses, all other communities to become a part of this effort to denounce white supremacy.

In the effort to do so, it is important that we not allow ourselves to tolerate the hate that is in our immediate environment—on your job. You experience it. You have got to speak up, speak out. If you see it, you have got to say it. Say that it exists.

You cannot say that there were some very fine people among those in Charlottesville proclaiming Jews will not replace us. You can't allow that kind of behavior to go unchecked. It doesn't matter where it comes from. If it comes from the highest office in the land, it has to be checked.

Jews will not replace us. That is a part of the replacement theory being articulated openly and notoriously. Yet, we, to this date, have not done enough to denounce it.

Jews will not replace us. We cannot allow people, regardless of where they are in life, what their station is in life, to do things that will impact the lives of others. So, yes, it doesn't matter the source, it doesn't matter where you are, you have got to be called out.

I don't in any way conclude that this is something that we cannot eliminate. I believe we can. This is why I have a piece of legislation that addresses this. It is a piece of legislation for a department of reconciliation. We have not reconciled in this country. We have not.

From 1619, August 20, when the first Africans were brought here enslaved, to this very second, we have not engaged in reconciliation. The reconciliation that we need is not going to occur as long as we silo each of these massacres. We have to have a formal structure within which to have policies and procedures and laws developed.

We need a department of reconciliation for this Nation. Just as we have a Department of Labor, a Department of Commerce, a Department of Defense, we need a department of reconciliation. Just as we have a Secretary of Labor, a Secretary of Defense, a Secretary of Commerce, we need a secretary of reconciliation, with under secretaries.

The department has to be funded. I suggested that it ought to be funded by indexing it to the Defense Department, some percentage of the budget of the Defense Department, because the Defense Department will always be funded. Therefore, the department of reconciliation will always be funded.

It is not going to occur overnight. It won't. I think that there are many

other things that have to happen, and this department of reconciliation can be part and parcel to producing a climate, policies, if you will, such that these other things can happen.

So if you have something that is very important associated with this, then let the department of reconciliation work that into the system. A department of reconciliation, the secretary of reconciliation, would report directly to the President of the United States, and it would not be something that has a defined lifespan.

We don't conclude that the Defense Department will sunset on a certain date. The Department of Commerce doesn't sunset. The Labor Department doesn't sunset. The department of reconciliation should not sunset, so that it can continue its work. Presidents might come and Presidents would go, but the department of reconciliation, reporting directly to the President, will still be with us.

Madam Speaker, we have not reconciled in this country. I believe that with a department of reconciliation, something as simple as the Richard Russell Office Building would become worthy of consideration. Richard Russell was a racist and a bigot, and we have an office building named after Richard Russell, the Russell Senate Office Building. That is a disgrace.

Madam Speaker, we have the authority to change that, but we have not. It is our duty to change what we can. No one in this country can remove that name, save people who hold public trust here in Washington, D.C.

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We ought to change that. Those who tolerate bigotry and racism and hate perpetuate it. We are tolerating the name "Richard Russell" on that building when we know what he stood for. Within the building, we have a statue in the rotunda devoted to Richard Russell.

How long will this go on?

There are some people who say, "Well, it is a good message," but they have all kinds of reasons for not wanting to take action right now: wrong messenger, good message, wrong messenger; got to wait until we can get somebody that we have influence with to push this issue; or, you present it too strongly, do it quietly.

Why do people of color have to be quiet about the issues that impact them? Why do people of color have to find a way to get things done without being openly hostile to the things that are harmful to them?

We have every right to demand that the name "Richard Russell" not be on that building. I am not ashamed of the fact that I have the courage to say that. The department of reconciliation could deal with it.

Well, the father of American music—the father of American music—was a racist. He was a racist, and we have tolerated this. We know it. We have looked at the lyrics, but we haven't changed it.

This notion of the father of American music existing emanates from this House. It was in this House and in the Senate and signed by the President that we have a father of American music who is a racist. That could be changed if we had a department of reconciliation.

I believe that we owe it to ourselves and to the generations to come, to posterity, if you will, to be bold enough to change these things and to have the courage to do so without having to demonstrate that we are afraid to do so.

There are many who won't do it. It is regrettable, but it is the truth. We have the power to do it, but we only have to have the will to make the change.

Those who tolerate bigotry, those who tolerate hate, those who tolerate racism perpetuate it. Unfortunately, too many Members with the power to make the change—not all—decline to do so, for whatever reasons.

I would hope that things will change, but if they don't, I will be back again and again and again until the change that we seek takes place.

I believe that Gandhi was right. Be the change you wish to see.

I am here to be that change, but I am also reminded of what Maya Angelou has said in her poem about being the hope of the slave. There were people who died praying for a day that some African American would have the opportunity to stand here and be a party to making the change, not a party to acquiescing, but to making the change that can make a difference in the lives of not only Black people but all people.

I love my country. I love my country. That is why I am here demanding the change, and I am not afraid to say “demanding.” Demanding the change.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly an enrolled bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 4426. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to ensure that the needs of children are considered in homeland security planning, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 66.—An act to require the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia to develop a plan for reducing, mitigating, and controlling harmful algal blooms and hypoxia in South Florida, and for other purposes.

S. 1097.—An act to establish a Federal rotational cyber workforce program for the Federal cyber workforce.

S. 1760.—An act to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs planned to be built

in Oahu, Hawaii, as the “Daniel Kahikina Akaka Department of Veterans Affairs Community-Based Outpatient Clinic”.

S. 2201.—An act to manage supply chain risk through counterintelligence training, and for other purposes.

S. 2514.—An act to rename the Provo Veterans Center in Orem, Utah, as the “Col. Gail S. Halvorsen ‘Candy Bomber’ Veterans Center”.

S. 2520.—An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for engagements with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, and for other purposes.

S. 2687.—An act to provide the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs testimonial subpoena authority, and for other purposes.

S. 3527.—An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transfer the name of property of the Department of Veterans Affairs designated by law to other property of the Department.

S. 4119.—An act to reauthorize the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 2 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, May 20, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-4225. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: New Qualifying County Lithuania (DFARS Case 2022-D012) [Docket DARS-2022-0006] (RIN: 0750-AL63) received April 26, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4226. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Contract Closeout Authority for DoD Services Contracts (DFARS Case 2021-D012) [Docket DARS-2021-0017] (RIN: 0750-AL48) received April 5, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4227. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Evaluation Factor for Employing or Subcontracting with Members of the Selected Reserve (DFARS Case 2021-D013) [Docket DARS-2022-0005] (RIN: 0750-AL31) received April 5, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4228. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Repeal of DFARS Provision “Payment in Local Currency (Afghanistan)” (DFARS Case 2022-D001) [Docket DARS-2022-0009] (RIN: 0750-AL53) received May 10, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec.

251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4229. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Exception to Competition for Certain Follow-on Production Contracts (DFARS Case 2019-D031) [Docket DARS-2019-0051] (RIN: 0750-AK67) received May 10, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4230. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Modification of Small Purchase Threshold Exceptions (DFARS Case 2021-D010) [Docket DARS-2021-0018] (RIN: 0750-AL29) received May 10, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4231. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Commercial Item Determinations (DFARS Case 2020-D033) [Docket DARS-2020-0044] (RIN: 0750-AL19) received May 10, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4232. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Contract Authority for Development and Demonstration of Prototypes (DFARS Case 2021-D025) [Docket DARS-2021-0020] (RIN: 0750-AL49) received May 10, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4233. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Validation of Proprietary and Technical Data (DFARS Case 2018-D069) [Docket DARS-2019-0048] (RIN: 0750-AK71) received May 10, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4234. A letter from the Supervisory Workforce Analyst, OPDR, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's direct final rule — Senior Community Service Employment Program Conforming Changes to the Supporting Older Americans Act of 2020—Updated Guidance on Priority of Service, Durational Limits and State Plan Submissions [Docket No.: ETA-2022-0002] (RIN: 1205-AC04) received May 11, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

EC-4235. A letter from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Safety Standard for Crib Mattresses [CPSC Docket No.: 2020-0023] received April 5, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4236. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Privacy Act; Implementation [Docket No.: NIH-2016-0002] (RIN: 0925-AA62) received March 31, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.